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LIKELIHOOD OF SATELLITE ATTACK ON YUGOSLAVIA IN SPRING, 1951

I. STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

1. To determine the likelihood of a Satellite attack on Yugoslavia in the spring of 1951.

II. DISCUSSION

2. See Tab "A"

III. CONCLUSIONS

3. The European Satellites now have the capability of initiating offensive operations against Yugoslavia at any time, with little or no warning.

4. Evidence of stepped-up propaganda, increased border incidents, and further deterioration of relations with neighboring Satellites, together with recent significant augmentation of Satellite military capabilities, warrants serious consideration of the possibility of a Satellite attack against Yugoslavia this spring.

5. There is no firm evidence that a Satellite attack against Yugoslavia is imminent. It is believed that such an attack is not probable this spring, but nevertheless remains a distinct possibility.

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TAB "A"

DISCUSSION

1. Jet aircraft have been seen recently in all the European Satellite countries, except Albania. Such aircraft reportedly have been consigned to the Polish Air Force, and jets with Czech markings have been observed making practice landings near Prague. The furnishing of jet aircraft to Satellite Air Forces is in keeping with the Soviet program for modernization of the Satellite Armed Forces. The movement of jet aircraft into Satellite airfields appears to follow the Soviet airfield improvement program which is now reaching completion at different points in Eastern Europe.

2. Soviet heavy equipment for ground forces continues to be received in Bulgaria, Rumania, and particularly Hungary.

3. In Bulgaria, since February 1951, elements of one division have moved toward the Yugoslav border. There are now at least one Bulgarian tank and four infantry divisions disposed along the Yugoslav frontier. In addition, the better-trained men in the Bulgarian army have been transferred from the interior to units near the Yugoslav border.

4. Although no significant changes in troop dispositions have been reported recently in Rumania and Hungary, their divisions could move to attack positions without prompt Western detection, under the guise of Spring maneuvers or May Day preparations. Thus it is believed that the Satellites have the capability of initiating an attack against Yugoslavia at any time with little or no warning. There are no firm indications, however, that such an attack is imminent.

5. Border incidents between the Satellites and Yugoslavia have increased in number to the point where Marshal Tito considers them "almost unbearable." He recently has sent a note to the Rumanian government protesting border incidents provoked by that country, and he has stated that he is thinking of bringing the entire border situation before the United

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Nations. Also, Yugoslavia has sent notes recently to Hungary and Bulgaria, protesting the ill-treatment of the Yugoslav charges in each of those countries.

6. Soviet-Satellite propaganda against Yugoslavia has been stepped-up recently, with emphasis on Tito's "fascist methods" and "collaboration with the West," so as to place the blame on Tito for the initiation of any hostilities, and at the same time prepare the Satellite people for the possibility of war.

7. This evidence of increased border incidents, stepped-up propaganda, and further deterioration of relations with neighboring Satellites, together with recent significant augmentation of Satellite military capabilities, warrants serious consideration of the possibility of a Satellite attack against Yugoslavia this Spring.

8. Political factors that may influence Soviet decisions to order a Satellite attack on Yugoslavia this Spring are reluctance of Western Europe to rearm, the serious governmental controversies in England, the relief of General MacArthur from Far East command, and the attendant discussions in Washington, London, and other Western Capitals.

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